

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (canceled)

18. (withdrawn) A composition comprising a fatty external phase and a gelled aqueous phase, wherein said aqueous phase represents about 60% to about 98% by weight of said composition, wherein:

a) the aqueous phase comprises a polymer of polyelectrolyte type; and

b) the fatty phase comprises:

i) one or more oils; and

ii) an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants.

19. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 18, wherein the oily phase and the aqueous phase each further comprise at least one sunscreen.

20. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 18, wherein the oily phase or the aqueous phase further comprise at least one sunscreen.

21. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 19, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant selected from the group consisting of:

- a) alkylpolyglycosides;
- b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);
- c) optionally alkoxyated polyol esters; and
- d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers.

22. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 21, wherein said optionally alkoxyated polyol esters comprise optionally alkoxyated polyol polyhydroxystearates.

23. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 19, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycerol ester;
- b) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycol polyhydroxystearate; and
- c) a polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymer, in combination with an alkylpolyglycoside or a composition formed of at least one alkylpolyglycoside and at least one fatty alcohol.

24. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 19, further comprising sunscreen which represents from approximately 2% up to approximately 40% by weight of said composition.

25. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 24, wherein said sunscreen represents from approximately 5% up to approximately 20% by weight of said composition.

26. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 19, wherein said oily phase further comprises one or more inorganic fillers.

27. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of a composition comprising a fatty external phase and a gelled aqueous phase representing about 60% up to about 98% by weight of said composition, said process comprising the steps of:

preparing a fatty phase;

preparing a gelled aqueous phase; and

adding said fatty phase to said gelled aqueous phase,

wherein,

said gelled aqueous phase comprises a polyelectrolyte polymer, water, and optionally one or more sunscreens, and

said fatty phase comprises one or more oils, a lipophilic emulsifying system comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants, and optionally one or more sunscreens, ~~wherein said aqueous phase represents from about 60% up to about 98% by weight of said composition, wherein-~~

~~a) the aqueous phase comprises a polymer of polyelectrolyte type, and~~

~~b) the fatty phase comprises one or more oils and an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants, wherein said process comprises the following stages:-~~

~~a) said fatty phase comprising one or more oils and an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants and optionally one or more sunscreens is prepared,~~

~~b) a gelled aqueous phase comprising a polymer of polyelectrolyte type and optionally one or more sunscreens is prepared, independently of the fatty phase, and~~

~~c) the fatty phase is added to the aqueous phase.~~

28. (previously presented) The process of claim 27, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant selected from the following group:

a) alkylpolyglycosides;

b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);

c) optionally alkoxyated polyol esters; and

d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers.

29. (previously presented) The process of claim 27, wherein said emulsifying system further comprises:

a) alkylpolyglycosides;

b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);

c) optionally alkoxyated polyol polyhydroxystearates;

and

d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers.

30. (previously presented) The process of claim 27, in which the emulsifying system comprises at least one selected from the following group:

a) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycerol ester;

b) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycol polyhydroxystearate; and

c) a polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymer, in combination with an alkylpolyglycoside or a composition formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s).

31. (currently amended) The process of claim 27, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

a) copolymers;

b) homopolymers, which may or may not be crosslinked or branched, based on monomers having a partially or completely salified strong acid or weak acid functional group or a cationic functional group, wherein said monomers are selected from the group consisting of:

1) styrenesulphonic acid;

2) 2-sulphoethyl methacrylate;

3) styrenephosphonic acid which is partially salified;

4) styrenephosphonic acid which is completely salified;

5) 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS) which is partially salified in the form of the sodium salt, of the ammonium salt, or of the monoethanolamine salt[.]; and

6) 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS) which is completely salified in the

form of the sodium salt, of the ammonium salt, or of the monoethanolamine salt.

32. (previously presented) The process of claim 27, wherein said polymer comprises at least one member selected from the following group consisting of:

a) copolymers of acrylic acid and of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS);

b) copolymers of acrylamide and of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid;

c) copolymers of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid and of 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid homopolymer;

d) acrylic acid homopolymer,

e) copolymers of acryloylethyltrimethylammonium chloride and of acrylamide;

f) copolymers of AMPS and of vinylpyrrolidone;

g) copolymers of acrylic acid and of alkyl acrylates, wherein the carbonaceous chain comprises between 10 and 30 carbon atoms; and

h) copolymers of AMPS and of alkyl acrylates, wherein the carbonaceous chain comprises between 10 and 30 carbon atoms.

33. (currently amended) The process of claim 27, wherein said gelled aqueous phase comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant.

34. (previously presented) The process of claim 27, wherein said gelled aqueous phase is obtained by dissolving said polymer and has a resulting viscosity of between about 0.5 and about 300 Pa·s.

35. (previously presented) The process of claim 34, wherein said gelled aqueous phase has a viscosity of between about 1.0 and about 150 Pa·s.

36. (previously presented) The process of claim 35, wherein said gelled aqueous phase has viscosity of between about 5 and about 100 Pa·s.

37. (currently amended) The process of claim 27, wherein said fatty phase is added to said gelled aqueous phase at a temperature of less than about 55°C.

38. (currently amended) The process of claim 27, wherein said fatty phase is added to said gelled aqueous phase at a temperature of between about 15°C and about 35°C.

39. (currently amended) The process of claim 27, ~~wherein said phases are mixed~~ further comprising the step of:  
mixing said fatty phase with said gelled aqueous phase  
with a stirring rate of less than about 1000 revolutions per minute.

40. (currently amended) The process of claim 39, wherein said ~~phases are mixed with a~~ stirring rate ~~of~~ is between about 80 and about 800 revolutions per minute.

41. (withdrawn) A composition which may be utilized in a cosmetics, pharmaceutical, veterinary, or detergent preparation comprising the composition of claim 18.

42. (previously presented) A composition which may be utilized in a cosmetics, pharmaceutical, veterinary, or detergent preparation, prepared by the process of claim 27.

43. (withdrawn) The composition of claim 41, further comprising sunscreen.

44. (new) A process for the preparation of a composition comprising a fatty external phase and a gelled aqueous phase representing about 60% up to about 98% by weight of said composition, said process comprising the steps of:

adding a fatty phase comprising one or more oils, a lipophilic emulsifying system, and optionally one or more sunscreens to a gelled aqueous phase comprising water, a polyelectrolyte polymer, and optionally one or more sunscreens, said gelled aqueous phase being contained in a vessel; and

mixing said fatty phase and said gelled aqueous phase to obtain a water-in-oil emulsion in which said fatty phase is an external phase and said gelled aqueous phase is an internal phase;

wherein said lipophilic emulsifying system comprises one or more emulsifying surfactants.